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TOWNSEND, GROESBECK AND VINCENT WINNERS IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY

GOVERNOR RAN BEHIND "DICK" FLETCHER IN GRATIOT COUNTY.

Mrs. Colwell Won Clerk Nomination

With returns from the primary practically complete on the State Senator, Charles Townsend is re-nominated by almost 24,000 plurality over Herbert Baker, who made a sensational run. Groesbeck was easily renominated and his vote will undoubtedly exceed that of Fletcher 2 to 1.

Gratiot County, like the other counties in Michigan, polled a small vote on primary day, Tuesday, and true to expectations Gratiot joined with the rest of the state in giving Senator Charles Townsend a fine plurality in seeking the renomination for United States Senator. Gratiot's only big surprise on the top of the Republican ticket was the fact that the county returned a plurality of votes for "Dick" Fletcher for governor in the three-cornered contest between him, Groesbeck and Joslin.

Saginaw, Shiawassee, Clinton and Gratiot counties have made complete reports on congress, and with two precincts missing in Ionia and ten missing in Montcalm the count shows Vincent leading Smith by 657. It now seems assured that Bird J. Vincent is the Republican nominee.

Bernie L. Case, county clerk who sought the state senatorship nomination led Newell Smith of St. Louis in Gratiot, 1,970 to 1,031, and undoubtedly had a big enough majority in Gratiot to assure him of nomination. The Isabella and Mecosta vote is not yet available.

Joseph Seaver was nominated as candidate for the legislature with a vote of 1,038. Locke received 950 and Oberst 876.

Willert had little trouble in landing the sheriff nomination with a vote of 1,201. Pettit was second with 718 and Grover third with 543. Struble had 525 and Thompson 258. Grover seeking nomination from Alma was given a very flattering and complimentary vote in this city.

Mrs. Colwell won the nomination for county clerk with a vote of 1,209. Evey received 824, Richards 579 and Wiles 455.

Howes won the county treasurer nomination from Mrs. Price with a majority of slightly over two hundred votes.

Heisler, Hutchinson and Whitman engaged in a heated battle for the register of deeds nomination, which Merle Heisler won by about a dozen votes over George Whitman. Hutchinson was a close third. On the face of some official returns from some of the precincts and unofficial returns from the others Heisler is a winner by eleven votes. The Record's unofficial tabulation shows 19 plurality for Heisler.

Erva Laycock, who sought renomination as drain commissioner, and who was opposed by Carter and Cox lost the nomination for this office by a small vote. Carter had 1,197 and Laycock 1,125. Cox was given 581 votes.

In the United States senatorial nomination battle the following votes were given the respective candidates: Townsend 1,157, Baker 711, Kelley 597, Emery 257.

The surprise vote on the governor nomination was as follows for the county: Fletcher 1,365, Groesbeck 1,220, Joslin 432.

Prosecuting Attorney, Romaine Clark, Coroners, Ludwig and Hall and Surveyor, Harrod were not opposed for nomination and in each case the candidates for nomination received a fine complimentary vote throughout the county.

In the Democratic contest for nomination for governor Cummins was given the big end of the small Democratic vote over Balch.

The one other Democratic feature was the attempt of DeWitt Vought to run on slips for the nomination. In Gratiot he received a good vote. If it holds anything like a favorable in the other counties of the congressional district his name will be on the ballot at the November election as a candidate for congress.

NO CHURCH SUNDAY

Owing to the wet weather the new varnish on the seats in the Presbyterian Church is not drying very rapidly and it will be impossible to hold services this coming Sunday as had been planned. It is probable that the opening will be delayed for one week.

Rodolph Valentino at the Strand Sunday and Monday—advertisement

HE IS AGAIN THE REPUBLICAN CHOICE



SEN. CHARLES E. TOWNSEND

CONCERN HAS LARGER FORCE

PAR-KAR COACH COMPANY NOW HAS THIRTY-SEVEN MEN WORKING.

Inquiry into the present business conditions of the Par-Kar Coach Company this week has brought forth the fact that this new concern located in the old Bollstrom plant at St. Louis is already doing much better than it had anticipated when it first opened. Instead of employing 25 men as had been announced the company has 37 men on the payroll.

President Westfall in an interview stated that the company now had business enough so that the factory would be operated at full capacity for the next four months without any additional business. He also stated that the force of men is now working evenings in the effort to speed up production.

Regarding future prospects for the business President Westfall stated that a committee from a large city had just recently been at the plant going into the proposition regarding the placing of an order for approximately \$160,000 worth of buses. He also stated that negotiations were now under way with a certain firm regarding the construction of about \$300,000 worth of winter tops.

He is very optimistic in regard to the future possibilities of the business and with the present business on hand, and that which is assured is certain that the company will do a half million dollars worth of business the first year. He believes this to be the best record that any truck firm in the country can point to, when capitalization of the business is taken into consideration. It is indeed a most remarkable showing for such a new industry, which is operating on a small capitalization.

Mr. Westfall stated that the first six of the bus jobs on the \$101,000 order for Grand Rapids, which were to have been delivered on September 7, have been delayed somewhat due to delays in getting material, but stated that these six would be ready for delivery on September 17. This delivery is satisfactory to the Grand Rapids company, the Michigan Transportation Co., which has just been approved, he stated, by the Michigan Securities Commission, and given permission to sell its stock.

NINE HONOR MEN

Nine of the twelve honor men in the freshman class of the College of Industries at Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, Pa., the last year, were Veterans' Bureau trainees. This record has been made in spite of the fact that in a class of 140 students only 20 were Veterans' Bureau men. J. K. Matter, a vocational student, led the class with a total of 520 merit points which is a splendid record, when one realizes that the requirement for passing is but 180 points.

MARRIAGE IS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Miller of this city announce the marriage of their daughter, Lura Irene, to Mr. Vincent Millar Baird, on Sunday, September 10. They are to make their home in Deckerville. Mrs. Baird has been well known in this city for some years and has a host of friends, who extend congratulations.

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Delegate Slate Was a Winner

A slate of delegates to the Republican county convention to be held on Thursday, September 21, at the court house in Ithaca, run on slips at the primary election was elected in each of the six voting precincts in the city. The delegates to the convention are as follows:

First Ward, first precinct—Karl R. Adams, Daniel Sharrar, Otto Sandorhoff, Thomas J. Clark, Ezra L. Smith, Frank O. Parker, George E. Sharrar, Jesse E. Fuller, John Spinney, Oscar Vibber, A. J. Archer, A. G. Moore and H. C. McCracken. First Ward, second precinct—Burton Hopkins, George Hetzmann, George Rule, John McIntyre and William Howlett.

Second Ward, first precinct—D. W. Adams, J. M. Montigel, F. C. Mapes, Homer M. Dunham, A. W. Brock, J. C. Ritter, Victor H. Shepard and William Falor.

Second Ward, second precinct—J. P. Locey, J. J. Osborn, George Carl and Edward Titus.

Third Ward—W. E. Wilson, H. S. Babcock, R. B. Wagner, Dick Rockwell, J. N. Day, and Chas. O. Ward.

Fourth Ward—Francis King, Jotham Allen, Orville Allen, Walter Hardgrove, Harry Moore, Floyd Glass, Dan McCuing and Frank J. Tucker.

The Last Vaudeville Entertainment Given

The final free vaudeville entertainment of the season was given by the Alma Merchants to its friends in this vicinity on Wednesday evening, the colder weather of the fall, which precludes many people standing out in the open to watch such entertainments, and the possibilities of bad weather due at this season of the year, having prompted the merchants to bring the entertainments to a close.

The entertainments have been of a highly successful nature during the entire summer and many of the merchants of Alma are hoping that Alma may be able to have some other real stunt for their friends another year. The vaudeville attractions have drawn crowds that have been numbered in the thousands during the various weeks of the summer months. They have been of such a nature that they have held the crowds week by week, pulling many people from other communities as well as from the county.

The entertainments have also served to make many new friends among these visitors for the people of Alma.

INSTITUTES TO START IN STATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS NOW PLANNING FOR INTENSIVE WORK.

Michigan's health education forces were combined today and placed in the field for intensive work.

Since the announcement three weeks ago by Dr. R. M. Olin, state commissioner of health, of the consolidation of the clinic division, the lecturing moving picture, and exhibit units, the bureau of education has been arranging a schedule and preparing the fall program. The first health institute began in Berrien county this week and will continue until Sept. 16.

Assignments of the institute to counties will be made by Marjorie Delavan, director of the bureau of education, on request of individuals or organizations. Dates for five counties have been definitely fixed and details for institutes in other counties are being worked out. Beginning October 2 the institute is scheduled in the lower peninsula until December 2. The counties which will be visited in that period are: Montcalm, Oct. 2 to 13; Mecosta, Oct. 16 to 21; Clinton, Oct. 23 to Nov. 4; Oakland Nov. 13 to Dec. 2.

The personnel of the newly organized institute follows: Dr. Frank A. Poole, lecturer and field director of the unit; Dr. Florence A. Browne, head of the infant unit; Dr. C. A. Wilson, head of the tuberculosis division; Dr. Frank Rose, head of the children's unit; Melita Hutzel, lecturer and Lucile Moore, assistant director of the bureau of education, organizer. Three nurses will assist the clinicians.

The opening meeting for fall of the Fortnightly society of the Presbyterian church was held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Rhodes on Tuesday of this week. It took the form of a rally meeting. A very interesting program was given consisting of music and story telling and a review of the opening chapters of the new book which the society is to study this year, "The Trend of the Races." Following the program, refreshments were served and a social hour was much enjoyed.

LEGIONAIRES PLAN TO SEEK COMMUNITY HUT

ALMA LEGION POST HAS DESIRE TO HAVE COMMUNITY BUILDING HERE.

Seek Site Near Business Section

Thursday evening the George W. Myers Post No. 132, American Legion, of this city went on record in favor of putting forth efforts looking towards the establishment of a clubhouse for the post in this city, and the enthusiasm with which the proposition was greeted by the members of the post indicates that no efforts are to be spared in the attempt to secure a real club house for the post and its members during the coming months.

The post does not propose to wage a campaign for funds for the purpose. Commander Robinson of the George W. Myers post says that the post does not have any such intention. A committee, however, has been appointed which will have charge of a series of entertainments, which are to be given by the post from which it is hoped sufficient funds will be derived over a space of a number of months to make possible the securing of a (Continued on page three)

Constitution Day to Be Observed

On the 17th day of September, 1787, a band of statesmen, who were assembled in Philadelphia, after having spent many long months in study and discussion, signed their names to the document which their arduous labors had produced, namely, the Constitution of the United States of America.

That day was the beginning of days, not only for the people of the new nation, which was then emerging from chaos and uncertainty to a state of order and stability, but it was likewise a new day for the people of the whole world as well; a new day for oppressed humanity; a new day for suppressed ambitions. It was the dawning day of unhampered achievements; of unlimited progress.

That day which ushered in a new era should be observed with appropriate ceremonies and made the occasion of renewed interest in the fundamentals of free government.

The spirit and purpose of the Constitution, so well expressed in the Preamble, should be memorized by every school-child, and cherished by every adult.

"We, THE PEOPLE of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America."

There is no subject which can engage the human mind of anything like the importance of the subject of government, for under a wrong form of government, social life deteriorates, industry is stagnant, education is limited, religion hampered and the masses are oppressed and in need, while on the other hand under the benign influence of our great Constitution, we are constantly improving our standards of living, industry has made phenomenal strides, educational opportunities are universal, religion enjoys freedom and protection, while to our shores have come vast millions of the oppressed of earth, who have been speedily transformed into loyal American citizens.

Moreover, we see the other nations of the world gradually falling into line, and governments everywhere are becoming more liberal, after the American pattern.

This year, the Coalition Committee for the State of Michigan is planning a state-wide observance of the Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution, and since it occurs on Sunday, many clergymen have signified their intention to preach upon the subject. Teachers have also expressed a willingness to observe the Friday preceding the anniversary with appropriate exercises, while farm and club organizations are preparing special programs, and already several industries and business houses have agreed to call attention to it in their bulletins, and to display the national colors over their places of business.

There is nothing that would be more effective in overcoming Radicalism in America than would a renewed appreciation of the fundamentals of our government, and it is hoped that this state-wide effort will stimulate interest and cause many to study the Constitution.

Chick to Locate in Upper Peninsula

John C. Chick, who recently withdrew from the Economy shoe store in which he had been interested with his father for fourteen years, announced the first of the week that he expects to locate at Marquette in the near future, although he probably will not move from Alma until December.

Mr. Chick will become associated with some other shoe men in a three store chain venture in the Upper Peninsula, with stores at Negaunee, Munising and Marquette. Mr. Chick will have charge of the store at Marquette. It is the intention of the company to secure Mr. Victor Crittenden, a senior in Alma College, in June, who is to have charge of one of the stores. He has had considerable experience in the shoe business both here and at Howell.

Many people in Alma will regret the departure of Mr. Chick and his family from this city. Mr. Chick has not only been active in the business circles of the city for the past fourteen years, but has also been active in local politics and for several years past has been a city commissioner and member of the council prior to that time.

Miss Helen Cook Married in East

On Wednesday evening, September 6, Miss Helen Cook, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert P. Cook of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. John H. Collier of Washington, D. C., at the Church of the Covenant in that city. The service at the Church was broadcast by radio and picked up by a number of the eastern radio stations.

Following the ceremony a reception was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Collier at the Church House. Mr. and Mrs. Collier left later to spend their honeymoon at Virginia Beach, near Norfolk, after which they will be at home to their friends at 3,020 Dent Place, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Collier, the groom, is a well known Washington contractor. The bride is well known in this city. Of late years she has been connected with the Department of Commerce in Washington.

Professor and Mrs. Albert P. Cook, and daughter, Edith, attended the wedding.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS ARE TO CONVENE

ANNUAL CONVENTION IS TO BE HELD IN ITHACA ON SEPTEMBER 23-24.

The annual convention of the Gratiot County Sunday School Association will be held in Ithaca, Saturday and Sunday, September 23-24. A strong program is being arranged for both days. The officers of the state association will be present throughout and help to give enthusiasm and instruction.

Dr. J. H. Engle, the state secretary, is a live wire and full of helpful, spiritual fervor.

Miss Irene Rothenbach, the newly appointed superintendent of children's work, will also be present throughout and give addresses and demonstrations of her work.

A young peoples' conference under inspiring leadership will also be held Sunday afternoon.

The program will soon be printed and sent out to workers over the county.

Mrs. Ruggles Was Hostess at Party

Complimenting Miss M. Houlihan of Saginaw, a bride-elect of October, Mrs. F. W. Ruggles was hostess to a delightfully appointed bridge party on last Saturday afternoon.

The guests numbered fifty, many of them from Saginaw. Garden flowers of every conceivable shade from Mrs. Ruggles' own beautiful gardens adorned the spacious rooms wherein the tables were placed.

The prize for high score, two lacquered candelsticks and candles of quaint design was won by Mrs. Luning of Saginaw, the consolation going to Mrs. Dr. Lamb. The house prize, a hand painted score pad was awarded to Miss Felman of Saginaw and Miss Houlihan was the recipient of a beautiful imported boudoir gown, the gift of Mrs. Ruggles.

Bridge was followed by a delicious luncheon served very daintily by eight of the bride-elect's girl friends. Miss Houlihan has chosen Mrs. Ruggles to be her matron of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pettyjohn are the proud parents of an eight and a half pound girl, Frances Josephine, born to them on Sunday.

ALMA COLLEGE WAS OPENED ON WEDNESDAY FOR YEAR WITH BANNER ENROLLMENT

ALMA WITH THE CONGRESS WINNER



BIRD J. VINCENT

VINCENT WINS CONGRESS RACE

SAGINAW CANDIDATE GRABS G. O. P. NOMINATION IN A HARD BATTLE.

Bird J. Vincent of Saginaw is the apparent choice today as the Republican candidate for congress from the eighth congressional district, but the finish between Vincent and William M. Smith of St. Johns is so close that it will undoubtedly take the official figures to determine the winner. Unofficial returns from the unofficial figures show that Vincent is undoubtedly the choice but with an extremely small margin of votes.

In such a case it will be the upset in the hope that Alma handed out in going for Vincent that has nominated the Saginaw man as the Republican candidate. Unofficial figures show that Vincent carried Alma by 33 votes, which will, on full unofficial figures probably be his plurality.

It is very possible that the official returns from the district, with the result so close, may show that Wm. M. Smith is the nominee of the Republicans.

Vincent Wednesday on unofficial returns apparently had the nomination won by about three hundred votes, but a big error in tabulating was found in two precincts in Ionia county which greatly boosted Smith's stock, and put him in a tight finish with Vincent.

Because of the closeness of the race it will be in doubt, however, until the complete official vote is in.

Figures secured just before The Record went to press this afternoon gave complete unofficial returns on the district and show Bird J. Vincent to be the Republican nominee for congress from the eighth district by a plurality of 111 votes, seemingly a plurality large enough to insure him the nomination even though some slight errors may be located in the official returns.

Following is the complete vote by counties:

Saginaw County—Lash 1,725, Lindquist, 1,711, Smith 719, Vincent 6,112. Shiawassee County—Lash 945, Lindquist 1,746, Smith 1,990, Vincent 1,202.

Clinton County—Lash 108, Lindquist 901, Smith 2,064, Vincent 666. Gratiot County—Lash 100, Lindquist 903, Smith 1,451, Vincent 581.

Montcalm County—Lash 134, Lindquist 1770, Smith 1,409, Vincent 201. Ionia County—Lash 278, Lindquist 1197, Smith 388, Vincent 370.

Totals—Lash 3,289, Lindquist 8,679, Smith 9,020, Vincent 9,131.

Lester Floyd Fair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fair, and Miss Soloma Sahara Omans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Omans, 122 Lincoln avenue, were married at the residence of Rev. E. E. Shouffer, 123 West Downie, on Tuesday evening.

The Wheaton family Reunion was held this year at Battle Creek on Labor Day, at the home of Mrs. A. Foote. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wheaton from Alma attended and while away visited at Charlotte, Eaton Rapids Grand Lodge and Lansing.

Mayor, Charles R. Murphy and William E. Reynolds, city manager, returned the first of the week from a few days business trip to Chicago.

All members are requested to be present at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Monday evening, September 18 for the purpose of conferring the Second Degree. E. J. Horton, R. S.

Get a package of Handy Scratch Pads at the Record office—advertisement.

FIFTEEN PER CENT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF STUDENTS IS REPORT.

Dean Mitchell Gave The Opening Address

Alma College opened Wednesday formally with the first college chapel service of the year, which, as is the case with all opening services of this kind, drew most of the students of the institution and crowded the chapel to the limit.

Prospects for the college year are said to be exceptionally good in all departments this year, especially the chemistry department, which has undergone an extensive change during the past summer, which will make for better working conditions for the students who are taking that work, and will also make possible better results in the laboratory work. Other departments have seen considerable change during the past summer and some are in charge of new faculty members.

Yesterday afternoon it was announced that the enrollment in the four college classes was in excess of 240, the increase being about fifteen percent over what it was for the corresponding period last year. This is the largest attendance Alma has had. It is expected that during the course of the year the enrollment will increase considerably, as has been the case in other years and it is probable that the enrollment in the four college classes will reach 270 before the year is over.

Alma College does not give out registration figures as do some colleges, but rather has announced her enrollment as only those who are numbered among the four college classes. This eliminates from consideration in enrollment announcements, special students, etc. Thus it is probable that before the year is over the total enrollment of Alma college will reach the 300 mark.

Special music was one of the big features of the opening chapel service on Wednesday. The opening address was given by Dean James E. Mitchell, who has just recently returned from a year's research work in Europe. Dean Mitchell gave the students a good insight into the student life at Oxford in his address, which was highly appreciated.

Following the custom of past years the unwary Frosh were asked to purchase chapel seats and many are reported to have done so.

Gratiot Livestock A Feature at Fair

Just to prove that Gratiot County livestock can step out and get the ribbons in competition with the best in the state several herds of swine, cattle and sheep are making a number of fairs this year including Detroit, Saginaw, Bay City, Mt. Pleasant, St. Johns, Owosso and Cadillac. This meets the best quality and when ribbons are won, means that we must have the goods and show them to advantage.

Reports from all the fairs have not been received, but in every class they had entries in except one.

Levi Pritchard showed six Holsteins against "Isabellas Best" and carried off six first Champion Herd over Dairy breeds and Best Holstein bull special.

R. D. Bradford made a clean sweep with his Guernseys and placed second to Pritchard on exhibitors herd. Both these herds attracted much attention and were a credit to the owners.

J. C. Wilk, Alma, showed his Chester White hogs and saved that Fair from being hogless. Of course, he won all the ribbons. Wilk also showed and won first on his early Prolific beans and Wisconsin Pedigree Garley.

H. F. Mouser won seven first and five seconds with his Shropshire sheep. His aged ram won Grand Champion in medium wool breeds.

A. P. Smith, of St. Louis, won all prizes entered for with his Hampshire sheep as well as ribbons on poultry.

J. E. Wright, of Ithaca, showed his string of Oxford sheep and carried away all the ribbons.

At St. Johns, R. C. Blank, of Perrinton, showed his Black Topped Merinos and duplicated the clean sweep of all prizes made at Ithaca the week before.

It was also interesting to note that the winning Duroc Jersey yearling sow at St. Johns and Ionia was purchased at the Duroc Jersey Breeders sale held at Ithaca last March.

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